

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No.

09/656,518, now U.S. Patent No. 6,556,989 (Attorney Docket No. INT1P209)

entitled "Quantifying The Level Of Interest Of An Item Of Current Interest" filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/658,346 (Attorney Docket No. INT1P210) entitled "Normalizing A Measure Of The Level Of Current Interest Of An Item Accessible Via A Network" filed concurrently herewith, which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent No. 60/178,627 entitled "Alerting Users To Web Sites of Current Interest And Handling Large Increases In User Traffic" filed January 29, 2000 which is incorporated by reference for all purposes.
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